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SUBJECT: QUADRIpartite AMBASSADORIAL LUNCHEON

THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED AT THE MONTHLY
QUADRIpartite AMBASSADORIAL LUNCHEON, WITH STATE
SECRETARY GEHLHOFF, HOSTED THIS MONTH BY THE AMERICAN
AMBASSADOR ON JULY 22:

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR WORMSER REVIEWED AGAIN (SEE BONN
11700) HIS CONVERSATION ON JULY 12 WITH BISHOP SCHARF
REGARDING REPORTED SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO PERMIT THE
RELEASE OF RUDOLF HESS FROM SPANDAU, PROVIDED THE THREE
WESTERN ALLIES AGREED TO TURN THE PRISON INTO A MONU-
MENT COMMEMORATING THE FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM AND
NAZISM WITH UNCONDITIONAL ACCESS BY THE SOVIETS.
WORMSER COMMENTED THAT HE WAS 99 PERCENT CERTAIN THAT
HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD SAY NO TO SUCH A PROPOSAL SHOULD
IT BE MADE, A PROPOSAL OBVIOUSLY MOTIVATED BY THE DESIRE
FOR A PERMANENT SOVIET PRESENCE IN THE SPANDAU CONTEXT.
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STATE SECRETARY GEHLHOFF SAID THIS MATTER WAS UNDOUBTED-

LY A HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE ONE WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE HANDLED CAREFULLY. HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM SHOULD SCHARF HAVE ACCURATELY REPORTED THE SOVIET POSITION.

2. GEHLHOFF SAID HE HOPED THAT RECENT GERMAN EFFORTS TO CONSULT WITH THE BONN GROUP AT ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING THAT OF THE AMBASSADORS, ABOUT THE GAUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH EAST BERLIN, WERE PROVING SATISFACTORY. THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT, HE CONTINUED, CONSIDERED THE BONN GROUP THE APPROPRIATE PLACE TO DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS, AND WAS CONSIDERING IN THE FUTURE BRINGING DOWN MEMBERS OF GAUS' STAFF, AND OCCASIONALLY GAUS HIMSELF, TO REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EAST GERMANS.

3. AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND RAISED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE 161605, THE SUBJECT OF REPLIES TO FUTURE SOVIET COMPLAINTS ON BERLIN. AFTER RUNNING THROUGH THE GIST OF THE REFTEL, HE SUGGESTED THAT THE BONN GROUP AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY BE DIRECTED TO DEVELOP SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE FUTURE HANDLING OF SOVIET PROTESTS. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE BONN GROUP SHOULD ADDRESS THIS QUESTION. BRITISH AMBASSADOR HENDERSON EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL SKEPTICISM, HOWEVER, AS TO WHETHER IT WAS ACTUALLY POSSIBLE IN PRACTICE TO DRAW UP GUIDELINES TO MEET EVERY CONCEIVABLE SOVIET PROTEST. THE SOVIETS ADDRESSED THEMSELVES TO AD HOC SITUATIONS AND CONSEQUENTLY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THEM TO MAKE NEW ARGUMENTS. AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND OBSERVED THAT ONE OF THE POINTS TO WHICH THE BONN GROUP MIGHT DIRECT ITS ATTENTION WAS PRECISELY THE NEW ARGUMENTS BEING USED BY THE SOVIETS, SOME OF THEM

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SEEMING TO QUESTION BASIC ALLIED ASSUMPTIONS REGARDING
BERLIN AND THE INTERPRETATION OF THE FOUR POWER AGREE-
MENT.

4. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE ALLIED POWERS, HENDERSON
INFORMED GEHLHOFF THAT THE THREE HAD NOW AGREED ON A
MANDATE TO THE BERLIN SENAT FOR THE TELTOW CANAL NEGO-
TIATIONS. THE SENAT WAS TO BE INFORMED OF THIS IN
BERLIN, POSSIBLY THIS AFTERNOON, AND AN
APPROPRIATE BK/L WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

5. WITH REFERENCE TO THE QUESTION OF CSCE APPLICA-
BILITY TO BERLIN, GEHLHOFF NOTED THAT HE HAD SOME
PERSONAL DIFFICULTIES WITH THE QUADRIPARTITELY-AGREED
LANGUAGE (BONN 11816), BUT HIS OWN STAFF HAD ADVISED
HIM AGAINST RAISING THE MATTER AT THE LUNCH TODAY.
HE WONDERED WHETHER THE WORD "CONSIDERS" REALLY DID
NOT HAVE THE IMPLICATION THAT THE CSCE TEXT ITSELF WAS
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NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR ON THE INCLUSION OF BERLIN, AND
THAT SOME SUCH INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT WAS REQUIRED.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER SIMPLY TO SAY "TAKES NOTE OF"
OR "WELCOMES THE FACT THAT". BOTH THE BRITISH AND
AMERICAN AMBASSADORS POINTED OUT THE INADVISABILITY OF
REOPENING AN AGREED TEXT AT THIS POINT WHEN THE DRAFT-
ING OF STATEMENTS FOR HELSINKI WAS MOVING AHEAD IN
VARIOUS CAPITALS. GEHLHOFF REITERATED THAT THIS WAS
PRECISELY THE ADVICE WHICH HIS OWN PEOPLE HAD GIVEN
HIM, AND DID NOT PRESS THE MATTER.
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